

# State Capitol and Executive Residence Board

## Meeting Minutes

Executive Residence, 99 Cambridge Rd, Madison  
December 10, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting of the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board (SCERB) was called to order by the Chairperson, Senator Fred Risser at 1:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

Ms. Marilyn Pierce, SCERB Acting Secretary, called the roll. A quorum was present.

**Members Present:** Mr. David Helbach, Administrator, DOA, Division of State Facilities; Mr. Dave Haley, State Chief Architect; Mr. Arlan Kay, Architect; Mr. Robert E. Lewcock, Interior Designer; Senator Fred A. Risser; Representative Marlin Schneider; Representative Roger Roth; Ms. Debra Alton, Interior Designer; Mr. Eugene Potente, Interior Designer; Mr. John J. Fernholz, Landscape Architect; Ms. Sally Basting, Citizen Member (11 Members Present).

**Members Absent:** Senator Alan Lasee; Representative Carol Owens; Senator Judith Robson; Mr. James Sewell, WHS Senior Preservation Architect; Mr. Anthony Puttnam, Architect; (5 Members Absent)

**Guests Present:** Mr. Michael Bath, DOA, Division of State Facilities; Ms. Debbie Bothell, DOA, Division of State Facilities; Ms. Cyndi Kraus, DOA, Division of State Facilities; Ms. Cindy Torstveit, DOA, Division of State Facilities; Mr. Keith Beck, DOA, Division of State Facilities; Ms. Sarah Briganti, Senator Risser's Office; Mr. Ed Hood, Studios of Potente Inc. ; Mr. Bruce Woods, Ken Saiki Design. Ms. Jennifer Esser, Senator Lasee's Office; Ms. Marcie Malszycki, Rep. Owen's Office; Ms. Vicki Heymann, Director of the Executive Residence; Mr. Daniel Stephans, Department of Administration.

### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

**Motion #1:** Mr. Kay moved to accept the minutes as recorded from the July 30, 2007 SCERB meeting. Seconded by Ms. Basting

**Motion #1 approved by unanimous voice vote.**

### 4. Subcommittee Report – North Hearing Room Furniture

Ms. Alton reported that a full-scale table mockup was set up in the sitting room. Members were asked to view the table before the subcommittee met later in the day.

The subcommittee was previously authorized to make final approval of the table design, subject to the approval of the Sergeant of Arms. **(The subcommittee met after the meeting and voted 4-1 to approve the table with the recommended changes.)**

**5. Recent Acquisitions at the Executive Residence – 2 Paintings**

Ms. Vicki Heymann, of the Executive Residence discussed the two recently acquired paintings - one a donation, one a purchase.

The world famous painter, John James Audubon, did a print of the American Robin, the state bird, is an original engraving done in London in 1832. The print was given to the Executive Residence in dedication to Governor Nelson, by Dr. Richard Anderson, a retired professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry from UW-Madison. The picture now hangs in the Drawing Room.

The Barry Roal Carlsen landscape painting hangs in the Library. Barry Roal Carlsen is a nationally known artist who has lived in Madison over 25 years and works at UW- Madison as a Senior Artist in the communications dept. The painting was purchased by WERF in 2007.

Questions were asked regarding protecting the paintings from sunlight. Ms. Heymann noted that the paintings are framed in plexiglass and they are not placed directly near the windows. The windows have low-E with argon-filled insulation that also protects the paintings from sunlight.

**Motion #2:** Mr. Kay moved that SCERB formally accept the paintings. Seconded by Ms. Alton. Mr. Potente requested that the motion include “the acceptance of the paintings does not set a precedence.”

**Motion #2 approved by unanimous voice vote.**

**6. Update on Governor’s Conference Room Table Top**

Ms. Cindy Torstveit, DOA/DSF, reported that the tables in the Governor’s Conference Room have been experiencing excessive wear due to the increased use of the room. They were installed approximately five years ago and were recently refinished (using catalyzed varnish) to repair carving marks in the table tops as well as discoloration due to hot/cold items being placed on the tables. In order to protect the tables and avoid frequent repairs, DSF Building Management worked with the Governor’s Office to develop a solution. It would utilize attic stock leather pieces (chestnut brown) from the East Wing addition.

Fitted covers with the state seal burnished into the center could be made for the three smaller tables. The leather would drape over the table and would have a cord to wrap underneath. The covers would be removable and would store compactly for presentations. A table runner could also be made out of the leather to protect the large table at the head of the room. Additionally, three blotters could be made to use at the seating positions at the head of the large table. These would be donated by the upholsterer (possibly Pappendicks).

The leather will protect the tables from hot and cold, liquids, and engraving due to taking notes, etc. during meetings. The cost of the leather covers would only involve the labor to manufacture them.

Members asked about using glass or poly-propylene on the table tops. Mr. Mike Bath, DOA/DSF Building Management, replied that the hot and cold would damage the table tops and the blotters would not stay in place.

Ms. Alton asked if the tables were appropriate to the room. Mr. Dan Stephans, DOA/DSF Project Manager, replied that the large table is original and the three smaller tables were built for the room. They have been arranged in a T-shape for the Building Commission meetings since the early 1950's.

Chairperson Fred Risser noted there was apprehension by the Board regarding the leather covers and asked that the item be deferred to the next meeting when more information will be available. Ms. Torstveit will bring drawings and present other options at that time.

## **7. Current Capitol Promenade Update and Final Phase Approval of Elevation Required Changes**

Mr. Stephans noted that the final half of the Promenade has yet to be completed and a slope problem, a double step at the curb, has to be resolved. (An adjustment was made to the completed first half of the Promenade.)

The high curb step-up from the corner of Carroll and Mifflin to Pinckney Street causes a tripping hazard. Mr. Stephan's suggestion is to reduce the curb at the street and use risers and a raised planter at the State Street corner (similar to the police memorial). A lower terrace and risers would be added to the series of terraces which would lower the sidewalk, allowing a standard six inch curb.

Mr. Fernholz discussed using the Promenade as a lab for growing large trees. He suggested using four different root access systems in the last four quadrants of the Promenade. The results could be observed and documented for long term effectiveness. This would be the last chance to implement the study.

Mr. Bruce Woods, of Ken Saiki Design, explained that to re-engineer the areas where structural soil is specified for use would cost \$10,000-\$15,000 per tree for eight foot wide extensions of the planter areas, or half that for four foot wide extensions of the planter areas.

Mr. Stephans noted that if the Capitol Promenade project is within budget in regard to the bidding process, they could look at alternatives. The budget request to authorize the \$3.2 million will be presented to the Building Commission. They are requesting to do the entire half in one construction season, 1/4th at a time rather than 1/8th at a time.

**Motion #3:** Mr. Kay moved that SCERB approve the completion of the Capitol Promenade as proposed including the elevation changes as recommended by Mr. Stephans. Seconded by Mr. Fernholz.

**Motion #3 approved by unanimous voice vote.**

## **8. Capital Budget/Current Project Update**

Keith Beck, DOA/DSF, BFM Deputy Director, gave a summary of current funded projects for the Capitol and Executive Residence as well as a prioritized list of the 07-09 biennium project funding requests. These include completion of the Promenade restoration; repair walks, drives, circle seats (East and West Washington); Phase II security upgrade at the Executive Residence; Capitol dome moisture repair; Capitol balustrade foundation repair; Capitol building-wide audio and visual system distribution; Capitol elevator door and casing renovation; and column replacement at the Executive Residence.)

Mr. Helbach noted that the funds for the project requests were already enumerated but they need Building Commission approval. SCERB can approve and recommend the projects.

Senator Risser stated that some of the funding is all-agency money. The Legislature only approved \$125 million of the \$165 million initially requested by the Building Commission. The funding has to extend to all the agencies.

Mr. Kay asked for a breakdown of funds spent for small projects that were not included in the report. They will be available at the next meeting.

**Motion #4:** Mr. Kay moved that SCERB strongly recommends the eight priority projects included in the Capitol Master Plan be approved by the Building Commission. Seconded by Senator Risser.

**Motion #4 approved by unanimous voice vote.**

## **9. Other Business**

### **Executive Residence Lower Level Remodeling**

Ms. Cyndi Kraus, DOA/DSF Project Manager, noted that the original look has been maintained, the area structurally improved and the project completed well within budget.

General Electric donated the appliances and the National Theaters Association donated the AV equipment.

(The group then proceeded downstairs to view the remodeled area.) Board members had favorable comments about the renovation.

## **10. Adjourn**

Senator Risser, Legislative Chairperson, adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Pierce, Acting Secretary  
State Capitol and Executive Residence Board